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(d) The order passed by the Government was that where only a portion of a registered survey field or subdivision had been under udu cultivation at any time up to and including fasli 1342, the entire survey number or subdivision should be exempt from second-crop charge if the portion was 10 cents or more: but that if the portion was less than 10 cents the entire survey number or subdivision should be liable to the charge. The Government have since modified the latter part of this order and directed that where the portion is less than 10 cents the concession of exemption from second-crop charge granted for udu cultivation should be allowed in respect of the survey number or subdivision up to the extent of such cultivation.

Reclassification of irrigation sources in the Tanjore district.

* 292 Q.—Mr. A. Pl. N. V. NADIMUTHU PILLAI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the reasons which induced the Government to issue G.O. No. 1238, Revenue, dated 14th July 1933, reclassifying the irrigation sources in the Tanjore district which are third class into second class and second class into first class; and

(b) whether any additional revenue is raised by such reclassification?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the preamble to the notification appended to G.O. No. 1238, Revenue, dated the 14th July 1933, which has been placed at the disposal of the Press.

(b) The answer is in the affirmative.

Repairs to irrigation tanks and spring channels at Government expense.

* 293 Q.—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether lands irrigated by spring channels are classified as wet and taxed on the same basis as the wet lands irrigated by the tanks;

(b) whether it is a fact that the tanks are repaired by the Government at their expense and, if so, at what intervals;

(c) whether spring channels are repaired periodically and maintained at Government cost; and

(d) if not, the reason for not repairing and maintaining the spring channels?

A.—(a) Ordinarily, ryotwari dry lands under minor irrigation sources whether tanks or channels are classed as wet if they have been regularly irrigated for five years and more without objection. As regards the principles laid down for the settlement of assessment on ryotwari lands the hon. Member's attention is invited to Board's Standing Order No. 1.